



BRIEF



President Droupadi Murmu with Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi, Friday.

Guard ceremony

■ **New Delhi:** There will be no change of guard ceremony on Saturday at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, according to an official statement issued on Friday. The change of guard ceremony is a military tradition that is held every week to enable a fresh group of the President's Bodyguards (PBGs) to take charge. "The change of guard Ceremony will not be held tomorrow (November 25, 2023) at Rashtrapati Bhavan due to PBG's engagement in organising the President's Polo Cup Exhibition match," said the statement issued by the president's office.

Toddler raped

■ **Mumbai:** A two-and-half-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a minor boy at a village in Maharashtra's Buldhana district, police said on Friday. The police detained the 17-year-old boy for the incident that occurred at Tarwadi village, in the jurisdiction of Borakhedi police station, on Thursday afternoon, an official said. The girl was playing outside her house with her grandmother when the accused, who lives in the same neighbourhood, approached her and sought permission to take the child to a shop nearby to buy her chips and chocolates, he said.

Charred body

■ **Jaipur:** The charred body of an unidentified woman was recovered from a deserted place in the Kalwar area here on Friday morning, police said. Station House Officer (SHO) Dharm Singh said that prima facie, it appeared that the accused allegedly murdered the woman elsewhere and then took it to a deserted land where they burnt her. The woman's body was found behind an abandoned house on the land, Singh said.

Road crash

■ **Pilibhit (UP):** A young couple were killed and their toddler son was seriously injured when their motorbike was hit by a speeding truck on the Tanakpur Highway here, police said on Friday. A 15-year-old girl also died in the accident that took place in the Newriya area late Thursday night, they added.

'Why Delhi LG, CM can't meet to discuss names for appointment of CS'

New Delhi, Nov 24 (PTI):

The AAP government and the Centre on Friday clashed over the issue of the appointment of the new Delhi chief secretary in the Supreme Court, which suggested that the Lieutenant Governor and the Centre propose a panel of names and the Delhi government may choose one of them for the post.

The court asked why LG V K Saxena and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal cannot meet and amicably discuss names for the post.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra was hearing a plea of the Delhi government against any move by the Centre to appoint, without any consultation with it, the new chief secretary or extend the tenure of the current top civil servant Naresh

Kumar who, otherwise, is set to demit office on November 30. The Delhi government has questioned how the Centre could proceed with the appointment of the chief secretary without any consultation with it while the new law is under challenge. "Why can't the LG and the CM meet? Last time we said that for the appointment of DERC chairperson and they never agreed..." the CJI said. The Centre proposed LG and the Aam Aadmi Party government have been involved in a series of run-ins over various issues. "So, why doesn't the LG and the Centre propose a panel of names? The ultimate choice will be from a panel made by you. You suggest a panel. Then they (the Delhi government) will pick up one name," the bench proposed. At the outset, senior advocate



Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Delhi government, said that the law dealing with services is under challenge before the top court and "there cannot be unilateral exercise of power by the LG".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the stand has always been that the chief secretary was appointed by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Singhvi said the chief secretary has been ap-

pointed on the recommendation of the chief minister. The top law officer said, "Never: I can put this on the affidavit."

"We must have a modality in which the government functions. I am sure both of you can give us a way out," the CJI said. Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the office of LG, said, "I am very sorry to say that there is a running commentary against the chief secretary and he had to approach the court against scurrilous allegations." The bench has now posted the plea for hearing on Tuesday.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, notified in August, gives the Centre control over bureaucracy in the national capital and an authority was created under it for the transfer and posting of Group-A officers.

CISF jawan saves life of metro commuter by performing CPR

New Delhi, Nov 24 (PTI): A CISF jawan saved the life of a 60-year-old man, who fell unconscious at a Delhi metro station, by performing the cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedure on him, a force official said Friday.

The incident took place at the Nehru Place station around 2:40 pm on Thursday.

The man fell unconscious near an escalator on the station's exit side and noticing this, on-duty Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constable Mantu Kumar immediately performed CPR on the passenger, following which he regained consciousness.

The man was rushed to a nearby hospital for further treatment and he was accompanied by his family members, who were called to the station by security staff, the official said.



Three IEDs planted by Naxalites neutralised

Bijapur, Nov 24 (PTI):

Three improvised explosive devices (IEDs) planted by Naxalites were detected and neutralised by security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Friday, police said. Two of the IEDs were planted beneath a blacktop road using the foxhole mechanism, which involves digging a tunnel from the side of the road to place the explosives, an official said.

Naxalites had used a similar mechanism to plant explosives in the Dantewada blast in April this year, in which 10 security personnel and a civilian driver were killed, police said.

The two IEDs, weighing 25 kg each, were detected on Awapalli-Basaguda Road, where a joint team of the 168th battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) from Awapalli police station was out on a de-mining operation to trace landmines planted by Naxalites to target security forces, the official said.

The explosives kept in plastic bags were placed 4 feet below the road by digging a tunnel 5 feet in height and 5 feet in width from the side of the road, he said. The explosives

were connected to a command switch with a long wire, the official added.

The BDS neutralised the bombs, and a major tragedy was averted, he said.

Earlier in May, Naxalites had planted two IEDs, weighing 25 kg each, on the same road.

The official said a pressure IED, weighing 5 kg, was also recovered between Dharmaram village and Chintavagu river by personnel belonging to the CRPF's 151st battalion and CoBRA's 204th (an elite unit of CRPF).

Earlier in the day, two workers were killed and another sustained injuries after a pressure IED planted by Naxalites went off at an iron ore mine site in the neighbouring Narayanpur district, police said.

On April 26, 10 personnel of the police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) and a civilian driver were killed after Naxalites blew up a MUV, which was part of the convoy carrying security personnel in Arampur police station area of neighbouring Dantewada district.

Police had said the IED, weighing around 40-50 kg, was planted using the fox-hole mechanism by a digging tunnel from the side of the road.

Man arrested from Kerala for 'threatening to blow up Mumbai airport'

Mumbai, Nov 24 (PTI):

A Kerala resident was arrested by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Friday for allegedly

threatening to blow up the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport here if he was not paid "one million US dollars in Bitcoin", an official said.

The ATS started probe after the Mumbai International Airport Limited, which operates the airport, received a threatening email in its feedback inbox at 11.06 am on Thursday, the police official said.

"This is a final warning to your airport. We will blast Terminal 2 in 48 hours unless one million US dollars in Bitcoin is transferred to the address. Another alert will be after 24 Hrs," the email read.

The ATS cyber cell, which started a parallel investigation, traced the IP address from which the email had been sent to Kerala, following which a team flew to the southern state and nabbed the accused.

He was being brought to Mumbai and would be handed over to Sahar Police, the official said without disclosing the accused's identity.

MPs raise concerns over cyber security in new Parliament building

New Delhi, Nov 24 (PTI):

Parliamentarians on Friday raised concerns over cyber security in the new Parliament building and called upon banks to take adequate steps to secure the financial assets of the public at large.

The MPs also stressed on the need to increase cyber security awareness in the country and called for developing a "cyber consciousness index" to gauge it. Addressing a meeting of the Committee on Information and Communication Technology Management in the Rajya Sabha in the Parliament House Annexe Building, the members

heard top officials of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the public sector Punjab National Bank. Measures being put in place to enhance cyber security of Member Services and to secure the new building of the Parliament were also listed during the presentation and panel members raised their concerns and queries to the officials.

Secretary, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) and representatives of the Punjab National Bank were also present to express their views on the regulatory framework and the measures being taken by them

on implementing mechanisms for cyber security and digital identity/digital payment mechanisms and the steps being taken to enhance the same. Sources said panel members told top officials of the bank to ensure that the financial assets of the public at large are secured and raised several queries to them on the issue. Amid growing cases of cyber security breaches and frauds coming to the fore, the panel is likely to call top officials of private banks in the near future and members would soon undertake field visits to bank headquarters in Mumbai to check the steps taken by banks in this regard, the sources said.

Gyanvapi complex row Hearing on handing over basement to DM deferred to next week

Varanasi (UP), Nov 24 (PTI): A court here on Friday deferred to next week the hearing on a plea seeking handover of the keys of a basement in the Gyanvapi mosque to the Varanasi district magistrate.

The court posted the matter for hearing on November 29.

No work took place at the court as a mark of respect for a senior advocate who died recently, according to advocate Madan Mohan Yadav.

Petitioner Vijay Shankar Rastogi has said in his plea that authorities had barricaded and locked the basement known as 'Vyas Ji ka Tehkhana' in 1993.



Physicists detect second-most powerful cosmic ray from beyond our galaxy

New Delhi, Nov 24 (PTI): Researchers have detected the second-most powerful cosmic ray to have come from outside our galaxy. But the exact origin of this "ultra-high-energy" particle from outer space remains a mystery.

Observed in Utah, this is believed to be the most powerful cosmic ray detection since the 'Oh-My-God' particle in 1991 that left physicists puzzled. Named 'Amaterasu' particle after the sun goddess in Japanese mythology, the second-most powerful cosmic ray has energy equivalent to "dropping a brick on one's toe from waist's height", the international team of physicists mentioned in their study published in the journal Science. The energy of the particle was measured at 2.4 x 10²⁰ elec-

tron Volts (eV) and was detected on May 27, 2021, the researchers said.

Cosmic rays are charged particles like protons or electrons travelling through the universe at nearly the speed of light. The charged particles could be remnants of celestial events that have broken down matter to its subatomic constituents.

Because the particles are charged, their flight path resembles a ball in a pinball machine as they zigzag against the electromagnetic fields through the cosmic microwave background, the researchers said. Referring to 'Amaterasu', John Matthews, study co-author said, "The particles are so high energy, they shouldn't be affected by galactic and extra-galactic magnetic fields.

You should be able to point to where they come from in the sky." This research was conducted at the Telescope Array at the University of Utah (US), which was also witness to the discovery of the highest-energy cosmic ray ever in 1991 during the 'Fly's Eye' experiment. Dubbed as the 'Oh-My-God' particle, the most powerful cosmic ray shocked astrophysicists as it was believed that nothing in our galaxy had the power to produce it and it was theoretically not possible for cosmic rays travelling to Earth from other galaxies.

The scientists said they are yet to find a "conventional explanation" for these events and believe that this rare phenomena might pertain to particle physics unknown to science.

Rajasthan all set for battle royale Saturday

Jaipur, Nov 24 (PTI): Rajasthan is all set to vote on Saturday to elect members of a new assembly with the BJP aiming to unseat the ruling Congress, which is fighting hard to change the trend of alternate governments in the state.

Polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm in 199 out of 200 constituencies amid tight security arrangements, chief electoral officer Praveen Gupta said. Due to the death of Congress candidate in Sriganganagar's Karanpur seat Gurmeet Singh Koonar, also the sitting MLA, election in this constituency has been adjourned. The past few days saw a high-pitch electoral campaign with Congress focusing mainly on the works and performance of the Ashok Gehlot government, its schemes and programmes and also banked on the promise of



Artists take part in a demonstration to create voter awareness on the eve of Rajasthan Assembly elections, in Bikaner, Friday.

seven guarantees if the party retains power. The BJP attacked the Congress on issues such as crime against women, appeasement, corruption and paper

leak. As many as 1862 candidates are in the fray with the number of voters being 5,25,38,105. These include 1,70,99,334 voters in the age

group of 18-30, and of them, 22,61,008 are new voters in the 18-19 age group. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra, assembly speaker CP Joshi, several ministers including Shanti Dhariwal, BD Kalla, Bhanwar Singh Bhati, Saleh Mohammad, Mamta Bhupesh, Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Rajendra Yadav, Shakuntla Rawat, Udai Lal Anjana, Mahendrajeet Singh Malviya, Ashok Chandra and former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot are among the Congress leaders contesting the elections. In BJP, leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore, deputy leader of opposition and former state president Satish Poonia, former chief minister Vasundhara Raje, MPs Diya Kumari, Rajyavardhan Rathore, Baba Balaknath and Kirodi Lal Meena are in the fray.

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Man climbs atop mobile tower; threatens to commit suicide

● Was aggrieved of delay in police action on his complaint

● Absconding Congress Corporator and son arrested

**Complainant Satpal Singh atop tower****Satpal Singh being taken to hospital****Accused Abhay Soni and Aman in custody**

him that Police will arrest the accused soon. On Baghel's assurance, Satpal Singh came down after which he was immediately taken to the hospital.

On the other hand, Bhilai Nagar Police Station informed that an FIR was lodged under sections 294, 295A, 323, 506, 34 of IPC against Abhay Soni and Amandeep Soni and investigations were on.

The complainant Satpal Singh visited the police station to give his statement on Nov 22. Thereafter, police recorded the statements of the eye witnesses and then the accused were arrested on Nov 24.

The accused Corporator Abhay Soni (64) and his son Amandeep Soni (25), both residents of Street 17, Sector 10 have been arrested and produced before the court.

Govt employee suspended for campaigning in favour of a political party

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: Collector and District Election Officer Pushpendra Kumar Meena has suspended the government employee. DCCB Assistant Accountant Rohit Kumar Verma, was allegedly involved in the publicity of the political party.

According to the order issued by the Collector and District Election Officer, a complaint was received against Rohit Kumar Verma, Assistant District Cooperative Central Bank Limited Durg.

He had posted a slogan in the WhatsApp group on the lines of the slogan of the Bharatiya Janata

Party. The complaint was confirmed in the investigation, which is punishable as it is contrary to the Chhattisgarh Civil Services Conduct Rules 1965.

Due to his actions during election duty, Verma has been suspended with immediate effect under Section 20A of the Public Representation Act 1951 and Civil Service Conduct Rules. During the suspension period, he will be eligible for allowances as per rules.

During the suspension period, Assistant Accountant Rohit Kumar Verma will remain attached at headquarters of District Cooperative Central Bank Limited Durg.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: A person after climbing on the top of a mobile tower threatened to commit suicide at Sector 10. He was beaten by a Congress Corporator and his son a couple of days ago.

Police had lodged an FIR but the accused were not arrested. Aggrieved with the delay in arrest of the accused, the complainant climbed on the top of a mobile tower and threatened to commit suicide.

Later, on the assurance of MP Vijay Baghel, he came down on the ground. On the other hand, police searched and arrested the accused Congress Corporator and his son within a couple of hours.

It needs to be mentioned here that Police had lodged an FIR against the Congress Corporator

Abhay Soni and his son Amandeep on charges of beating a 39-year-old man on November 19. The accused initially attacked the victim Satpal Singh at Sector 9 Square. The victim managed to escape and directly reached Sector 6 Police Station.

The Congress Corporator Abhay Soni,

his son Aman and other supporters reached the police station also and attacked Satpal Singh in the presence of cops. The cops immediately intervened and brought the situation under control. The accused had fled after committing the crime.

Aggrieved by the delay in arrest of the accused,

Satpal Singh climbed on the mobile tower at Sector 10 on Friday morning. On information, a team of Durg Police reached the spot after which SDRF was also called in.

MP Vijay Baghel came to know about the incident and reached the spot. He spoke to Satpal Singh on mobile phone and assured

Training session organised for Master Trainers Collector and SSP inspect counting venue



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: To conduct training of the counting officers of the Assembly Elections 2023, a training session of master trainers was held at BIT auditorium on Friday. 29 master trainers were present in the training.

Ashwani Dewangan, Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat and Nodal Officer (Training) instructed all the counting officers to conduct the counting work with transparency. He instructed them to fill all the forms carefully and explained how to do the work with zero error.

Detailed information was given on its practical aspects. State level master trainers Dr Vikas Panckashari and Anjay Tiwari explained the process of postal ballots counting, votes received from ETPBS, EVM and counting of VVPAT slips.

They explained the sealing process to be done

after the counting. Along with this, the latest orders / instructions of the Election Commission of India were explained to the master trainers.

These master trainers will conduct training session on 28 November 2023 at BIT auditorium for 130 Counting Supervisors, 130 Counting Assistants, 130 Micro Observers and 48 Assistant Returning Officers, 48 Counting Supervisors, 48 Counting Assistant-01, 48 Counting Assistant-02 and 48 Micro Observers appointed for counting of postal votes. Training will be given to 630 counting officers and 130 officers appointed for sealing work.



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: Collector and District Magistrate Pushpendra Kumar Meena and Senior Superintendent of Police Ramgopal Garg inspected the vote counting venue at

Shankaracharya Engineering College Junwani Bhilai.

The strong room has been created here and the counting of votes will also be done here for the Assembly Elections 2023. They took stock of the se-



curity and preparations of the venue. During the inspection, the Collector gave necessary instructions to all the Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers.

Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat -

Ashwani Dewangan, Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner and Additional Collector - Rohit Vyas, Deputy District Election Officer Bajrang Dubey along with ROs and AROs were present.

Abhay Yadav wins two medals in Judo at national level competitions

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: Abhay Yadav, a promising young judo athlete hailing from Bhilai, has etched his name in the annals of Durg district and Chhattisgarh's sporting history. In a remarkable display of skill and determination, he clinched medals in not one, but two national judo competitions, all within a span of 15 days.

Abhay Yadav, a student of Sharda Vidyalaya in Bhilai, has been diligently honing his judo prowess under the guidance of National Instructor P Kishore at Unlimited Judo Academy Housing Board for the past three years.

His dedication and hard work culminated in a Gold Medal victory at the National CBSE School Competition - Delhi. Impressively, just a week prior to this achievement, Abhay secured a Bronze

Medal at the National School Competition held in Jammu.

Abhay Yadav's remarkable feat brings immense pride to not only his family but also the entire state of Chhattisgarh. His father, Pappu Yadav, and mother, Ramchandra Yadav, have been unwavering pillars of support throughout his journey.

Abhay, a 9th-grade student, continued to shine in state-level competitions, ultimately reaching the quarter-finals in the 50 kg weight category at the National School Competition in Jammu.

Despite a tough bout against a Kerala player, Abhay's resilience led him to secure the bronze medal by defeating competitors from Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in Rapper Charge. In the National CBSE School Judo Competition in New Delhi, Abhay Yadav showcased



his dominance by triumphing over all rivals in his weight category, sealing the finals with maximum points against a player from Delhi.

P Rajneesh, hailing from Bhatapara in Baloda Bazar district, Chhattisgarh, is another judo prodigy who has brought glory to the state under the guidance of his trainer, P Suresh. P Rajneesh studies at the

Bhatapara CBSE School and has been dedicatedly practicing judo for the past two years, achieving success and medals in various state judo competitions. The remarkable achievements of Abhay Yadav and P Rajneesh have earned them recognition and congratulations from several quarters.

Principal of Sharda Vidyalaya, Sanjay Ojha, Arun Dwivedi, President of Chhattisgarh State Judo Association, SR Soni, General Secretary, Satish Singh, Treasurer, P Suresh, President of Baloda Bazar Bhatapara Judo Association, Anish Memon, President of Raipur District Association, along with trainers Sheikh Sharif, Vijay Nag, Shweta Yadav, Kiran Sharma, and many others have extended their heartfelt congratulations to these talented judo players.

NSS team of Hemchand Yadav University departs for Himachal Pradesh

To participate in Water Adventure Camp at Pong Dam of Kangra

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Nov 24: NSS team of Hemchand Yadav University, Durg on Friday left for the Water Adventure Camp to be organized from November 27 to December 06 at Pong Dam, Kangra district Himachal Pradesh.

Giving this information, NSS Coordinator of the University, Dr RP Aggarwal informed that prior to the departure, Chhattisgarh State's NSS Liaison Officer, Dr Neeta Bajpai, University Registrar, Bhupendra Kuldeep, Dean Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava and University NSS Coordinator, Dr RP Aggarwal met the team. Neeta Bajpai, in her ad-



dress, encouraged the NSS volunteers and said that your adventure camp has started as soon as you left the university premises. All the volunteers should face every challenge bravely while enjoying completely during the train journey and in the camp. This is the speciality of NSS volunteers.

Registrar of the University, Bhupendra Kuldeep, while wishing all

the participants, said that they must be careful during the Water Adventure Camp and also take care of their fellow participants. Dean Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava informed all the participating volunteers about the important things to be kept in mind during the camp. Dr Srivastava said that after the successful completion of the camp, after returning, the volunteers will

present the things learned during the adventure camp before the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

NSS Coordinator of the University, Dr RP Aggarwal told that this team is being led by Dr Chandani Markam of Government Indira Gandhi Postgraduate College, Vaishali Nagar and the participating volunteers include Pushpendra Sahu, Shivnath Science College, Rajnandgaon, Sandeep Kumar, Government College, Churia, Tikeswari Dewangan, Government Digvijay College, Rajnandgaon, Nisha Sahu, Government College, Nikum, Tanupriya Sao, Government College, Vaishali Nagar and Shivam Maurya, Kalyan College, Bhilai.

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BJP reiterates demand to keep Bijapur Collector away from counting of votes

● Submits letter to CEO

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BJP leaders said that the returning officer sent a letter that the voting was carried forward in the EVM machine without zeroing the mock polling. It would be completely biased and unfair for them to continue in the counting of votes even after such acts, they said. Collector of Bijapur is often seen at the residence of the Congress candidate and he can be seen sitting with the Congress candidate for hours, having tea, breakfast and chatting, they alleged.

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CM campaigned on Nov 16 in violation of Code of Conduct: BJP

● Demands his disqualification

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'NAGAR KIRTAN' PROCESSION



'Nagar Kirtan' procession was taken out on the occasion of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Prakash Parv.

Baghel targets BJP on inflation

● Says if there is 'Modi's guarantee' then cylinders must be given for Rs 450 in entire country

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Nov 24:

Targeting BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of inflation Chief Minister Baghel posted a tweet saying that when Prime Minister belongs to the entire country, then how can he discriminate against the people of the states? According to him due to

the faulty policies of Prime Minister Modi, the countrymen are suffering from inflation. If there is "Modi's guarantee" then cylinders should be given for Rs 450 across the country, he said adding that public will get some relief from the wrath of the central government.

Uprooting tribals from their land is crime against humanity: Harichandan



● Governor participated in e-national workshop organized on earth and human rights protection

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Mental health is responsibility of society, family and individual: Experts

30th Annual National Conference NCIASP 2023 on Public Health Approaches in Mental Health begins

Organized under the joint aegis of the Department of Psychiatry of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College and the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry

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Department of Psychiatry of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College and the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry. The conference was formally inaugurated on Friday by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Memorial Health Sciences and AYUSH University Vice Chancellor Dr AK Chandrakar and Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Dean Dr Trupti Nagaria.

Dr Manoj Kumar Sahu, Head of the Department of Psychiatry in the Medical College and Chairman of the Organizing Committee, said that in view of the current scenario, this conference was aimed at promoting mental health and preventing future mental health problems by referring to social

psychology with a scientific approach.

According to Dr. Surbhi Dubey, Associate Professor of the Department of Psychiatry mental health is the responsibility of society, family and individual. When all classes work together, both mind and body will remain healthy, said Dr Dubey, adding that diagnosis of any mental illness is possible only with a holistic approach, which along with medicines includes the contribution of society, society's attitude towards mental illness and people's good behavior towards the patient.

Dr. Nitin Gupta delivered a lecture on Psychotherapy in the Indian Scenario: Process of Evaluation and Conduct of Individual

Dynamic Psychotherapy in the scientific session of the conference. Psychotherapy refers to different types of treatments, he explained. With the help of psychotherapy, people suffering from mental health problems like depression, anxiety, fear, substance abuse are helped to overcome their problems, he said.

Rakesh K. Chadha, Roy Abraham Kallivayalil and Indu PS spoke on issues such as Public Health Approaches in Mental Health: Overview and Relevance, Social Determinants of Mental Health-Current Status and Evidence, Scope and Training for Research in Public Health and Psychiatry, Public Health Approaches to Mental Health - Perspectives from Public Health

Experts.

Expert from NIMHANS Bangalore R Srinivas Murthy, while giving a lecture on the topic of mental health, well-being and human development, said that mental problems affect human development in many ways, hence it is necessary to recognize mental health as a focus.

According to him better work can be done in the direction of mental health by transforming care centers into mental health centers, by including mental health in all professional training, by promoting self-care for emotional health, especially among ill persons and their caregivers.

Office bearers of the Indian Association for Social Psychiatry, Dr. Uttam C. Garg, Dr. Varghese P. Punnos, Prof. Debashish Basu, Prof. Mamta Sood, Dr. Nitin Gupta, Dr. G. S. Kaloria joined the conference. Chairman of the organizing committee of the conference is Dr. Manoj Kumar Sahu, head of the department of psychiatry of the medical college. Dr. Deepak Ghormode is organizing secretary and Dr. Surbhi Dubey treasurer.

Intraluminal Brachytherapy in AIIMS for Cancer Patients



Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Director, congratulated the team for their collaborative efforts to bring relief to the patient.

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Gurus of the Sikhs, named Nanak. Guru Parva is celebrated across the world on the full moon day of Kartik month according to the Hindu lunar calendar. Guru Nanak Ji was born on April 15, 1469.

CAIT's state working president Mr. Parmanand Jain and state general secretary Mr. Surinder Singh said that followers of Guru Nanak ji are known as Sikhs. They celebrate the birthday of their Guru, Guru Nanak Dev every year in the name of Guru Nanak 'Guru Parv'. 'Guru Parv' starts with the morning Prabhath Pheri in the Gurudwaras. Before Guru Parv, there is a tradition of reciting Guru Granth Sahib, the holy scripture of the Sikhs, for forty-eight hours continuously in Gurudwaras. The message

of Guru Nanak Ji was spread on this day through 'Nagar Kirtan' procession. During the 'Nagar Kirtan' procession, Sikh marital arts are performed along with local bands playing bhajans. Free communal lunch reflects the idea of offering food to all, irrespective of class, caste or creed, with a spirit of service and devotion. Guru Parv of Guru Nanak Dev teaches equality without any discrimination.

CAIT and youth team officials were mainly present in the above program: Amar Parwani, Parmanand Jain, Amar Gidwani Surinder Singh, Avneet Singh, Amar Dhigani, Narendra Duggad, Jai Ram Kukreja, Sanjay Jaisingh, Mahendra Bagrodia, Mohan Varlyani and others.

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21st National Chemistry seminar inaugurated at RSU

With focus on Innovation, Experimentation and Discovery

Raipur, Nov 24: The prestigious 21st National Conference on Surfactants, Emulsions, and Biocolloids commenced on November 23 with great enthusiasm at the School of Studies in Chemistry.

Pt Ravishankar Shukla University. This significant event, attended by eminent scientists, is poised to be a driving force behind innovation, experimentation, and knowledge exchange in the realm of chemistry.

The conference's chief guest, Prof. Akhilesh Pandey, Vice Chancellor of Vikram University Ujjain, emphasized the pressing need for such gatherings in our current times. He called upon attendees to utilize new research findings with original thinking to further the interests of the state and the nation. Prof. Pandey also stressed the importance of embracing India's rich knowledge



tradition and the new education policy.

Dr. Sachchidanand Shukla, Vice Chancellor of Ravishankar Shukla University, presided over the conference, emphasizing its role as a crucial platform for researchers to stay abreast of the latest advancements in surface chemistry and technology.

Prof. Kallol Ghosh, Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Head of the Department of School of Studies in Chemistry, extended a warm welcome to all the esteemed guests. He elaborated on the conference's objectives and underscored the benefits of ideological exchanges taking place within it.

Dr. Sachchidanand Shukla emphasized the integration of chemistry

with philosophy, emphasizing that this conference would guide research in crucial areas such as energy conversion, catalysis, healthcare, nanotechnology, materials science, environmental protection, and pharmaceuticals.

Prof. Atit Charan Mandal, President of the Indian Society of Surface Science and Technology in Kolkata, enthusiastically congratulated and welcomed all the scientists attending the conference. He provided valuable insights into the society's research and developmental activities, while Prof. Soumen Ghosh, Society Secretary, presented the society's report.

Co-President of the conference, Prof. Manas Kanti Dev, shed light on the objectives of the

DST.PURSE project and the related research work. The inauguration ceremony was conducted with grace by Dr. Manushree Gupta and Shubhra Sinha. Prof. Kamlesh Shriwas, the coordinator, extended a heartfelt vote of thanks. A special souvenir was published to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Following the inaugural session, various distinguished scientists delivered lectures on their latest research work during the technical session. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dulal Chandra Mukherjee, the former President of the Indian Chemical Society, who discussed the history and applications of colloidal science. Notably, Bhatnagar award-winning scientist Partha Sarathi Murkhaji from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, delved into the fascinating world of SUPRAMOLECULAR CHEMISTRY. Prof. Aniya Kumar Panda of Vidyasagar University illuminated the audience on MIXED SURFACTANT and its implications in

drug delivery. Prof. P. Wekentsch, a renowned chemist from Delhi University, delivered an enlightening lecture on gold nanoparticles and their applications in drug delivery. Dr. P.A. Haran, a scientist from Bhabha Atomic Centre, Mumbai, engaged the audience with a lecture on SUPERCOOLING, highlighting the intriguing new concept of SUPERCOOLED MICELLES. Prof. Tarashankar Pal from the Indian Institute of Technology elucidated the practical utility of metalized arsenic, while Dr. Sujit Kumar Ghosh of Jadavpur University, Calcutta, explored the applications of metal-semiconductors.

In the end, approximately 50 research students actively participated in a poster competition, showcasing their innovative ideas and research findings. After the technical sessions, the School of Studies in Chemistry students organized a vibrant cultural program, adding a colorful and entertaining dimension to the conference.

Asst. CEO takes stock of the preparations for counting of votes



Bemetara, Nov 24: After the voting held on Nov 17 for the Assembly General Election - 2033, these days everyone is waiting for Dec 3. The day on which all the 90 seats of the state including the three assembly constituencies of the district viz. Saja, Bemetara and Navagarh will be counted and the results will be declared. The district administration has made extensive preparations for counting of votes. To take stock of these preparations, today Assistant Chief Electoral Officer Sharda Aggarwal and Assistant Anjali Sharma from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh reached the Krishi Mandi counting site at the district headquarters. He inspected the preparations

for the counting of votes in the three assembly constituencies of the district. Deputy District Election Officer Uma Shankar Bande informed about the preparations being made and gave necessary guidelines.

Collector and District Election Officer PS Elma said that the counting of votes for the Assembly General Election will begin on December 3 at 8 am with the counting of postal ballots. Counting of votes recorded in EVMs will start from 8:30 am. He said that the returning officer has made adequate security arrangements for the EVM strong room and the place where the postal ballot is kept. On this occasion, Additional Collector and Nodal Law

and Security Dr. Anil Bajpai, Additional Superintendent of Police Mr. Pankaj Patel, Executive Engineer Public Works Nirmal Singh and other concerned officers were present.

Sharda Aggarwal took detailed information regarding the CCTV cameras and security forces deployed at the counting venue, counting of votes and preparations for counting of postal ballots. He asked the Deputy District Election Officer to issue passes to all the employees engaged in other necessary arrangements including the officers engaged in vote counting work.

He also saw proper seating arrangements for the agents of political parties in the counting hall. Gave necessary suggestions and guidelines. He was told that the candidates and their election agents are also being given information about the guidelines related to vote counting received from the Election Commission. Aggarwal talked about security arrangements and arrangements for necessary facilities in the media centre.

SP takes stock of the security arrangements

At the strong room located in the agricultural produce market Bemetara complex

Necessary guidelines reviewed regarding the preparation of security arrangements during the counting of votes

instructed the soldiers deployed in the Agricultural Produce Market Bemetara Strong Room complex to monitor the strong room with vigilance.

The counting of votes for the assembly elections will be done on Sunday 3 December 2023 from 08 am. SP has reviewed and given necessary guidelines regarding the preparation of security arrangements during the counting of votes. During this, Additional Superintendent of Police Pankaj Patel, SDOP Bemetara Manoj Tirkey, SDOP Berla Tejram Patel, DSP Rajesh Kumar Jha, DSP Kamal Narayan Sharma, Trainee DSP Brij Kishore Yadav, Reserve Inspector Manish Rajput, Police Station City Kotwali Bemetara in-charge Inspector Ajay Kumar Sinha and related Officers/employees were present.

Bemetara, Nov 24: On Friday Superintendent of Police (SP) Bhavna Gupta (I.P.S.) took stock of the security arrangements of the strong room located in the Agricultural Produce Market Bemetara complex. During this, SP Bemetara discussed about the duty of security forces, barricading etc. and gave necessary guidelines. He

Villagers troubled by elephant terror

In Katghora forest division, villagers remain crouched in fear of elephants

Korba, Nov 24: The elephant menace in Katghora forest division of Korba is not stopping. A herd of elephants once again killed about a dozen cattle. The cattle were tied to a pen outside the village. Cattle owners have suffered huge losses in the incident. The Forest Department team is taking legal action.

The incident took place last night in village Bagahi Para under Sirmina circle of Kendai forest range of Katghora forest division. It is being told that as usual, the villagers had tied their cattle to a peg outside the village. Late at night the villagers heard the sound of cattle mooing along with the trumpeting of elephants. They sensed the elephant



attack but the villagers could not muster the courage to drive away the elephants.

Due to fear of elephants, the villagers remained hiding in their homes the whole night. When the villagers reached the spot in the morning, they were shocked to see the sight. Dead and injured cattle were lying here and there on the spot. The elephants had killed about a dozen cattle including cows,

bulls and calves. Whose information was given to the Forest Department. As soon as the information was received, the forest staff reached the spot. Forest attack has started preparing a case of death of cattle due to elephant attack.

The villagers are in panic after this incident. However, the Forest Department team is monitoring the elephants and trying to drive them away.

Children enjoyed Ch'garhi cuisine in Bal Utsav

Kareli Badi, Nov 24: On the occasion of Children's Day, a Bal Utsav program was organized at Samadhan Academy, Kareli Badi on Wednesday. In which the children enjoyed the stalls of various Chhattisgarhi dishes. Children from class L K G to class IV presented a captivating cultural programme. In which dances ranging from Karma, Dadriya and Gauri Gaura, Panthi, Baramasi were performed. His presentation captivated the audience. At the same time, students from class 4th to class 8th in 13 groups had set up small food stalls and decorated beautiful shops of various types of Chhattisgarhi dishes, fruits, sweets. Apart from the school children, students, teachers and villagers from nearby schools came and enjoyed purchasing the delicacies from the stall.



At the end of the program, Ashoka tree was gifted to all the mother powers and parents by the members of the Children Committee. All the parents were very happy to receive the lovely Ashoka tree. On this occasion, Vice President Tuleshwari Sahu from the Parents Committee, Educationist Yadaram Nishad, Deepeshwari Sahu from the Fee Committee, other members included Omprakash Banjare, Jitendra Sahu, Manju Sarathi, Jaya Sahu, Manohar Sahu, Jaikumar Sahu, Daneshwar Sinha,

Rakesh Sahu, Shashi Sahu and other parents were present and other guests. Senior teachers of the school Kareli were also present, while among the teachers, Principal Pathak CM Sahu, Tikeswar Dhruv, Godavari Sahu, Kanti Nishad, Bhupendra Sahu, Uttam Sahu, Bhagyashree Sahu, Jagendra Sahu, Omkar Sahu, Upasana Sahu, Kunti Sahu, Jyotika. Sahu, etc. were present.

Survey started again for cataract-free Bastar



Jagdalpur, Nov 24: It has been the main goal of the administration to ensure that every needy person gets the benefit of health facilities. Under this, an intensive survey campaign is being conducted again from November 23 to rid the district of eye related disease cataract in Bastar district. Collector Vijay Dayaram K has directed the health department officials to make special efforts to make Bastar district a cataract free district and also to provide the facilities of Ambak Special Hospital for eye treatment to the patients as per their need.

An intensive cataract survey campaign is being conducted again from November 23 to November 30, 2023. For this, all the workers and Mitansins of the Health Department have been instructed to start an intensive survey campaign and do regular reporting, as well as to verify the potential patients and get them operated at Ambak Hospital located in the Medical College Hospital, Dimrapal and District Maharani Hospital. Transport facility will be provided to bring patients for operation and take them home.

Before this survey, a special survey campaign was also conducted by the administration in the month of May, under which 2859

cataract patients were identified from all the seven development blocks. In which from May to November, 298 patients from development block Bastar, 255 from Bakavand, 247 from Bastanar, 382 from Jagdalpur, 230 from Lohandiguda, 230 from Tokapal and 117 from Darbha got health benefits after treatment. Patients from the interior areas of the district also benefited from the cataract survey campaign. One of them was Devki Thakur, who along with her mother had requested for operation during Collector Shri Vijay's visit to remote village Harracoder of Lohandiguda development block. After a few days, Devki was treated at the Medical College Hospital, now Devki can see with her own eyes. After recovering, Devki also expressed her gratitude by gifting flowers to the collector.

To make the district a cataract free district and to treat patients suffering from eye related diseases, the administration started a special hospital, Ambak, in the district hospital, in which about 342 patients have been treated for cataract so far. Apart from this, treatment facilities for eye related diseases are also being provided in the Medical College Hospital.

11 gamblers arrested while gambling in village Turpura



Jagdalpur, Nov 24: Information about gambling was received from the informer by Bhanpuri police station, cyber cell Jagdalpur and special monitoring team of the district. On receiving the information, raids were conducted at two different places in village Turpura, namely, Shiva temple courtyard and the open space of the paddy storehouse of Dayanidhi. A total of 11 gamblers Bholashankar Sen, Kalendra Thakur, Mukesh Singh Thakur, Dushyant Thakur, Mohan Nage, Hedro Thakur, Mohan

Singh Thakur, Nehru Thakur, Manbahal Singh Thakur, Gupteshwar Thakur, Vasudev Thakur were arrested in the raid. All the accused are residents of Turpura. Those who were arrested red handed while gambling. 22 thousand rupees in cash and playing cards were seized from his possession on the spot. A criminal case was registered against the above 11 accused in Bhanpuri police station on Thursday under Section 3(2) of the Chhattisgarh Gambling Prohibition Act 2022 and action was taken.

Speeding truck crushes a young man riding a bike

Jagdalpur, Nov 24: A speeding truck run-over a young man riding a bike on Lohandiguda road under Badanji police station area of the district. Due to which the young man died on the spot. The truck driver has fled from the spot after the accident. At present the deceased has not been identified yet. According to the information received from the police, on Thursday, a youth riding a bike was going to Lohandiguda from Jagdalpur. Meanwhile, a truck coming from Lohandiguda crushed a youth riding a bike 2 km before Badanji police station. Due to which the young man died on the spot. After the accident the



truck driver fled from the spot. People passing through this route informed the police. On receiving the information, Baraji police reached the spot and with the help of the villagers, sent the body to Dimrapal Medical College. At present the body has not been identified, the police is investigating the accident along with the trace.

Two accused arrested with 211.8 liters of IMFL

Jagdalpur, Nov 24: Nagarnar police of the district have arrested two accused, Vivek Sarkar and Subrata Mandal, who were illegally transporting 211.8 liters of different brands of English liquor in a Suzuki Dzire car near the railway gate Chokwada. The estimated market value of the liquor seized from the accused has been estimated at Rs 40632. According to the information received



from Nagarnar police, based on the information received from the informer, an attempt was made to stop the suspicious vehicle by blocking the railway gate Chokwada. But the driver

tried to run away with the vehicle without stopping the vehicle. During which the vehicle went off the road and got stuck in the bushes on the roadside. When the police searched the Suzuki Sweet Dzire at the site, King Fisher Beer 9 boxes, 24 pieces of canned beer 108 liters in each box, King Fisher Premium Strong Beer 11 boxes, 12 bottles beer in each box 85.800

liters worth Rs 19800, English liquor McDowell No. 1 quarters bottles total 96 pieces 17.28 liters worth Rs 18240, total 211.8 liters of liquor recovered. In Nagarnar police station, the police have registered a crime against the two arrested accused, Vivek Sarkar and Subrata Mandal, and after the proceedings, have sent them to jail on remand.

Soumya Vishwanathan murder case

Court reserves order on sentence for Nov 25

New Delhi, Nov 24 (PTI):

A court here on Friday reserved for November 25 its order on the quantum of punishment for those convicted for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan in 2008. Vishwanathan, who was working with a leading English news channel, was shot dead in the early hours of September 30, 2008, on south Delhi's Nelson Mandela Marg while she was returning home from work. Police claimed the motive was robbery.

of the same is supplied to the public prosecutor for the state as well as to the respective counsel for the convicts." Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Ravindra Kumar Pandey said. He noted that arguments on the sentencing by the prosecutor and the counsels for the convicts were complete. "Be put up for order on sentence on November 25," the court said. On November 7, the court adjourned the matter after noting that the verification of the affidavits filed by the convicts was not complete. Earlier, on October 18, it had convicted Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik, and Ajay Kumar under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 302

(murder) and Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) provisions for committing organised crime resulting in the death of a person. The fifth accused in the case, Ajay Sethi, was convicted under IPC section 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property) and MCOCA provisions for conspiring to abetting, aiding in, or knowingly facilitating organised crime and receiving proceeds of organised crime. According to the prosecution, Kapoor shot Vishwanathan with a country-made pistol on September 30, 2008, on Nelson Mandela Marg in South Delhi while chasing the victim's car to rob her. Shukla, Kumar and Malik were also with Kapoor.

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBARTION



Air Force personnel during the 75th Foundation Day celebration of the Chakeri Air Force Station, in Kanpur, Friday.

NCP disqualification pleas Ajit faction submits 40 responses to Speaker, Sharad group nine

Mumbai, Nov 24 (PTI): The Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar factions of the Nationalist Congress Party on Friday submitted their responses to Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar in connection with disqualification petitions filed against each other. The NCP split on July 2 after Ajit Pawar and eight MLA joined the Eknath Shinde government. Since then, both factions have laid claim to the party name and symbol and have petitioned the Speaker seeking disqualification of those owing allegiance to the other side. While the Ajit Pawar faction submitted 40 responses, the faction led by party founder Sharad Pawar submitted nine responses, sources said.

Man dies after being hit by train

Bareilly (UP), Nov 24 (PTI):

A 37-year-old man died after being hit by a train in Mirganj police station area here on Friday morning, police said. The man named Mahendrapal, who ran a medical shop at Hururi crossing, could not see the approaching train due to heavy fog while crossing under the closed railway crossing, they said. The deceased was going to his medical shop on a bike with his wife and two young children around 7.30 am when he got down at

the closed railway crossing, said Station House Officer (SHO) Kunwar Bahadur Singh. Mahendrapal first got his family members to cross over to the other side on foot safely and was then crossing along with his bike when the accident took place, he added. The SHO said that Mahendrapal died on the spot. The police and the deceased's family members reached the spot on receiving information, and the body was sent for post-mortem examination, he added.

According to eyewitnesses, Mahendrapal parked his bike on the side and made his wife Usha (34) and son Lavesh (10) and daughter Kanu (11) cross the railway gate on foot. Mahendrapal was later taking out the bike from under the gate when suddenly the train arrived, they said, adding he did not realise due to fog that the train was coming and was hit by it. His family members, who were already on the other side, were not able to comprehend what had happened for some moments, said

eyewitnesses. As soon as they understood the reality, Mahendrapal's children started running around in panic while his wife went immobile in shock, they added. The eyewitnesses further said that a huge crowd had gathered by then on the spot. The locals immediately informed Mahendrapal's family members as they knew him, they added. Mahendrapal's wife later told the media that she could not understand for a minute that her entire world had come crashing down.

Intern doctor, medical students expelled after drunken brawl at Guwahati bar

Guwahati, Nov 24 (PTI):

An intern doctor and two students were expelled from government-run Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) here for six months on Friday over allegations of indulging in a drunken brawl at a bar, the principal said. They have also been expelled from the GMCH hostel for lifetime, while disciplinary action has also been initiated against 15 other inmates of the same hostel, he said. GMCH principal Dr Achyut Baishya said the

trio was part of the fight at a city bar on Thursday night as per their own admission, while 14 others had gone to the spot on receiving information of the incident. "The intern doctor and three students had gone to the bar around 7.30 pm yesterday, where three of them had alcohol. One of the accompanying student only had dinner but did not drink. According to their own statements, an altercation started between them and the bar staff over bill payment," he said.

One of the injured student is undergoing treatment at GMCH, the principal added. "They called up their hostel mates around 11 pm and 14 of the boys rushed there. But according to preliminary findings, the 14 boys were not involved in the fight," he said. Dr Baishya said based on confessions by the intern doctor and two students who had consumed alcohol, they have been expelled from the college for six months and from the hostel for lifetime with immediate effect. The fourth student

who had accompanied them and the other 14 students who reached later have also been expelled from the hostel for three months with immediate effect, he added. "When they were informed about the brawl over phone, these 14 students should have alerted their higher-ups instead of rushing themselves as permission is needed to leave the hostel in the night. Hence, action has been taken against them too," he said. All the students were inmates of hostel number 4, new block, the principal added.

BJP, JD(S) slam Congress govt's cabinet decision

Bengaluru, Nov 24 (PTI):

The opposition BJP and JD(S) have slammed the Karnataka cabinet's move to withdraw consent for a CBI investigation against Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar in a disproportionate assets case, terming the decision illegal. They accused the government of going against the law and taking an "immoral" decision aimed at protecting Shivakumar. They indicated the issue would be raised, both inside and outside the legislative assembly, to attack the Siddaramaiah administration. The cabinet on Thursday deemed the previous BJP government's move to give consent to the CBI to investigate the DA case against Shivakumar as not being in accordance with law, and decided to withdraw the sanction. "Ultimately, everyone will have to abide by what the court decides... In a way this is a decision

that is against law... Let's wait and see what the court decides next," veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa said. Asked whether the government was trying to protect Shivakumar, the former CM said: "The law will take its course." Yediyurappa's son and state BJP President B Y Vijayendra said the cabinet decision is "totally illegal and anti-constitutional." "It is unfortunate that the cabinet has taken such a decision and the BJP strongly condemns it, and is deciding on an agitation against it," he said. Stating that the decision is aimed at protecting Shivakumar, who is also the State Congress President, he asked the DCM, "Why are you fearing? Don't you have faith in the law? You have indulged in legal battles for several years now; what made you lose faith in the law today? Why have you taken such an illegal decision through

the cabinet?" "If Shivakumar were honest, as the deputy chief minister

he should have opposed this cabinet decision," Vijayendra further said.

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Karnataka Bank Ltd. ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH. Head Office, Mangaluru - 575 002. Phone/Fax : 033-22268580. Mobile : 9632026760. Website : www.karnatakabank.com. E-mail : kolkata.arm@ktbk.com. SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Collector appeals to farmers to donate straw in Gauthan

Provision of penalty of Rs 2500 -15,000 for burning stubble

Khairagarh, Nov 24:

District Collector Gopal Verma has made a civil appeal to the farmers of the district not to burn paddy straw in the fields and to donate straw in Gauthans for the purpose of environmental protection and provision of fodder for the cows. In this regard, the Collector has also issued instructions to the Deputy Director Agriculture Department to spread stubble awareness among the farmers and has appealed to the farmer brothers of the district not to burn the paddy straw in the fields and to make arrangements for fodder for the cows.

Collector Verma further said that by doing this the environment will remain clean and fodder will be supplied to the animals throughout the year in the Gauthans of the villages.



Giving information in this regard, Deputy Director Agriculture Rajkumar Solanki said that the harvesting of paddy crop is in the final stage, in the areas where Rabi crop is taken after paddy, the farmers burn the stubble lying in the field after harvesting the paddy. In this regard, farmers have the miscon-

ception that after burning the stubble, the residue (ash) will provide fertilizer to the field and the field will be cleaned, but this is wrong, by burning the stubble, the fertility of the land and the beneficial insects also get destroyed, along with this activity the Air pollution is also a big reason. Due to this, hu-

mans, cattle, animals and birds all suffer from various types of diseases and a vivid example of this is that serious problems are being seen in cities like Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, he said. In this regard, burning of crop waste has been banned by the Housing and Environment Department under Section

19 (5) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981. Under the National Green Tribunal, a ban has been imposed on burning of agricultural residues in agriculture, under which legal action will be taken against the person burning the stubble.

As a financial penalty, a fine of Rs 2500 will be imposed on farms less than 2 acres, Rs 5,000 on farms 2 to 5 acres and Rs 15,000 on farms more than 5 acres. Under Suraji Gaon Yojana, Gauthans have been built in the district by donating paddy straw in the Gauthans, in which paddy straw can be donated, so that the fodder supply for the animals remains in the Gauthans throughout the year. To donate, you can contact the Rural Agriculture Extension Officer of the concerned Gauthan Committee.

Massive 'Nishan Yatra' marks Shyam Khatu Janmotsav

Kurud, Nov 23:

On occasion of 'Dev Uthani Ekadashi' being observed as Shri Shyam Janmotsav and celebrated as 'Kartik Ekadashi', a massive 'Nishan Yatra' was taken out by Shyam Mitra Mandal (SMM) Kurud and Shri Shyam Mandir Samiti, Kurud here on Thursday. In this Shyam devotees right from city including Dhamtari, Nayapara Rajim to Raipur took part and lifted 'Nishan' in their hands and kept dancing to the melodious 'bhajans' of Baba and offered 'Nishan' at Kurud Shyam Mandir.

Every year on occasion of 'Dev Uthani Ekadashi', Shri Shyam Pariwar takes out massive Nishan Yatra of 'Shyam Khatu wale Shri Shyam Baba'. It was after 'Aarti' to massive 'Nishan Yatra' at Chhattisgarh 'Mahtari Kali Mandir' in Kurud, the devotees lifted the 'Nishan' and passed through NH, Sandhya



Chowk, Sanjay Nagar, Shiksha Colony, Kargil Chowk, Sarojini Chowk, old Bazar Chowk, Thana Road, and again reached Shri Shyam Mandir and handed over their 'nishan' to Babaji and sought blessings from Him.

On this occasion Ghanshyam Navlani, Rajendra Agrawal, Subhash Kela, Mohan

Agrawal, Satish Pandey, Navan Kela, Mahavir Gupta, Kanhaiya Navlani, Rajendra Gupta, Vikas Agrawal, Rajesh Agrawal, Manoj Agrawal, Govind Sharma, Saket Agrawal, Pankaj Vridhyani, Prakash Chenwani, Atul Kila, Prateek Sharma, Shahid and other Shyam devotees were present in large number.

Devuthani Ekadashi celebrated with pomp



Chhuikhadan, Nov 24: Devuthani Ekadashi, Tulsi Shaligram marriage was celebrated with pomp, joy and fireworks at the Riasat Rani Mandir Chhuikhadan. Temple committee patron Lal J.K. Vaishnav informed that by decorating the pavilion around Tulsi Chaura in the courtyard of the Godhuli

Bela temple, Lord Shri Gopal was placed in the Tulsi Shaligram rock on the throne post, strung Mauli thread, silk clothes, tied sugarcane was tied in all the four corners, lit a lamp and recited Sanskrit mantras and married Tulsi Shaligram. Parikrama was performed with the mantras of Govind and

Ekadashi Mahatma was recited, he said and after the Aarti puja of the Lord, seasonal fruits, tubers, amla, genera kanda, water chestnut, and gram vegetable were offered, incense lamp was worshiped in seven circumambulation, and various dishes were offered and Prasad was distributed after worshipping

as per the rituals. On this occasion, priests Anil Rani Mandir, Supriya Sachin Mahobia, Sandhya Madhukar Mahobia, Neha Mukesh Mahobia, Dinesh Mahobia, Sapna Kajal Mahobia, Latarani Lal JK Vaishnav, Vikas Anand, Yogesh Mahobia, Ashutosh, Gayatri Mahobia, Guddi Mahobia, Advocate, Jitendra Dewangan and a large number of devotees were present. In the Devuthani Ekadashi festival 2023, a very beautiful presentation of Raut dance was given in the temple by Bal Gopal and small children along with elders to preserve the traditional Chhattisgarhi culture including Rangoli in the temple premises.

Devuthani Ekadashi festival celebrated with devotion

Kurud, Nov 24:

Devuthani Ekadashi festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the rural areas including the city and on the festival of Tulsi Vivah Utsav, the marriage was celebrated in the auspicious time of the evening by purchasing many things from the market including the city and rural Kushiyars.

Here as per traditions, the Yadav community goes from house to house with musical instruments and prays to God for the happiness, peace and prosperity of the mother cow and the cow herders donate food, clothes and money to the Yadavs as gifts. It is also known as Devotthan



Ekadashi, Dev Prabodhini Ekadashi, Devuthani Gyaras, all auspicious works start from this day in Hindu religion and it is believed that Lord Vishnu wakes up on this day after four

months of Yoga Nidra, therefore it is also called Dev Prabodhini Ekadashi.

The wedding season starts from this day itself and housewarming and other auspicious works

also begin. There is a tradition of awakening the Gods on the eleventh day of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month and Lord Vishnu, who has been sleeping in Yoga Nidra for the last four months, is woken up by blowing the conch.

Mahapuja continues throughout the day and Aarti is performed and in the evening, the marriage of Lord Vishnu in the form of Shaligram and Lakshmi in the form of Tulsi takes place.

This year, three very auspicious coincidences are taking place on Devuthani Ekadashi, as this time there will be Ravi Yoga, Sarvartha Siddhi Yoga and Siddhi Yoga on Devuthani Ekadashi.

Collector inspects paddy procurement centre

Show cause notice to CAC and Principal including BEO

Bilaspur, Nov 24:

District Collector Avnish Sharan visited the block headquarters Masturi and Kirari village and conducted a surprise inspection of the paddy procurement center, school and Scheduled Caste hostel. He has issued show cause notices to BEO Ashwini Bhardwaj along with CAC Suraj Singh Kshatri and Principal Suman Kumar Ekka for not monitoring the schools regularly and being negligent towards duty.

BEO Ashwini Bhardwaj has been prima facie accused of not having administrative control over



the subordinate employees and Principal Suman Kumar Ekka has been accused of keeping the classes vacant by approving leave of 4 teachers simultaneously. He has also appreciated the dedication and interest of school

teacher Mrs. Madhuri Patel towards studies.

The Collector also discussed with the children in a loving atmosphere for about half an hour and the children of class 7th were tested on general knowledge and their knowledge

regarding the recently concluded elections. He was impressed by the children's candid answers and their self-confidence and said that if children study diligently then it is not impossible to achieve any goal in life. He also gave

career guidance to the children for their future life.

The Collector also took stock of the paddy procurement centres located at Kira Ri and Mopka, and got some sacks weighed in front of him and saw that far more than the prescribed quantity of paddy was being collected from the farmers. He also inquired about the availability of gunny bags and payment to farmers. On this occasion, SDM Bajrang Verma, District Education Officer TP Sahu, Food Controller Anurag Bhadauria, Deputy Registrar Manju Pandey, Nodal Officer of District Cooperative Bank Ashish Dubey, DPO Women and Child Development Tarakeshwar Sinha were also present.

'Bal Mela' and Legal Literacy camp held

In Govt HS School, Gatapar

Khairagarh, Nov 24:

Along with 'Bal Mela', a legal literacy camp was organised in Govt HS School in Gatapar of forest area of Khairagarh on occasion of birth anniversary of Pt. Nehru observed as Children's day. It was under guidance of Legal Service President and as per instructions by District Education officer, Rangoli, Essay, painting, slogan competition and 'sankul-level' 'Bal-Mela' was also organised and in which the students took part in large number. In Essay competition, Tejeshwari was the winner; Maheshwari in Rangoli and Dharmendra



in Painting.

In the essay competition, Tejeshwari of Class 12th topped and Garima Yadav of 11th came second and Anshu Dhruv of Class 9th came third. In the Rangoli competition, Maheshwari Yadav came first; Palam Mandavi second and Pratibha Verma third. In the same way in the painting competition Dharmendra Kumar came first and all the winners were extended greetings and best wishes for a

bright future.

The chief guest of the function was Janpad Panchayat President Leela Prakash Mandavi and as special guest Ramawatar Chaidaiyya President of Shala Vikas Samiti, V-P Fuduku Ram Verma; member Narayan Korram, Principal in-charge Mamta Agrawal and head Master Gajanan Dhurve, Pre-Secondary School and teachers of Sankul were present.

Mitanins felicitated on Mitandin Day



Rajim, Nov 24:

On the occasion of Mitandin Day, 20 Mitans of the city were honored by Nagar Panchayat President Mrs. Rekha Raju Sonkar at Mitandin Bhawan. Thereafter, while addressing the gathering, Mrs. Rekha Raju Sonkar said that the work of Mitans is a very challenging task and during the Corona period, she has been risking her life and motivating people to get the Corona vaccine by reaching home. Nagar Panchayat representative Jitendra Sonkar said in his

address that all the Mitandin sisters take the responsibility of protecting the mother and child and give them appropriate advice. And Mitandin sisters are completely dutiful and honest towards their work. Chairman Purnima Chandrakar, Chairman Puspsha Goswami, Mahila Morcha Mandal President Anita Yadav, Madhu Natthani etc. were present on this occasion. Twenty Mitans including Madhuyadu, Bharti Srivas, Surjanishad, Kamli Sahu, Archana Gupta, Yashoda Dewangan, Ganga Soni, and Sabina Parveen were honoured.

Panchayat Secretary suspended

Dongargaon, Nov 24: A two and a half year old child had recently died after falling into a septic tank pit in village Aasra under Dongargaon police station area. This incident took place in the septic tank built in Anganwadi centre number 4, and the pit of which was open, in which two and a half year old child Bharat S/O Satish Kanwar fell into the tank while playing.

This incident took place on Wednesday 22nd November at 1.30 pm and the villagers and family members brought him to Dongargaon hospital but he could not survive. In this matter, great negli-



gence has come to light and the villagers are quite angry and this incident is being described as gross negligence of the administration. As soon as information about the incident was received, SDM A.K Pusam had arrived, and after this information, suspension action has been taken by the district office. Let us tell you that there are open pits in other places of Village Asra also which have not been covered by the Gram Panchayat and according

to the villagers, they have informed the Panchayat several times about this matter, yet no serious action is taken by them.

In this case, District Panchayat Rajnandgaon has suspended Kishan Koliara, Secretary of Gram Panchayat Aasra, while Anusuiya Kariyam, an Anganwadi worker, has also been suspended from service by the Women and Child Development, Dongargaon. On Thursday, the second



day of the incident, Women and Child Development Officer Virendra Sahu, Supervisor, Patwari and other employees had reached village Aasra. Where Panchnama was prepared and the report was sent to the higher authority.

Anganwadi dependent on assistants
There are total five Anganwadi centres in the village ashram and according to information received, village daughters

are working as workers in most of the Anganwadi centres, due to which this Anganwadi centre is run on the basis of Anganwadi assistants. According to the villagers, village daughters-in-law should be given place as workers in Anganwadi centres so that the Anganwadi center can be operated properly. Villagers say that the helpers in Anganwadi cook food for the children or take care of them and due to their involvement in other work, the children

are not given any attention.

We had reached the spot after getting information about the incident and negligence has come to light. The secretary has been suspended and the Anganwadi worker has also been removed from the post. Further action will be taken after investigation and strict instructions have been given that this type of negligence will not be tolerated.

A.K. Pusam, SDM Dongargaon

My two and a half year old child was studying in Anganwadi center number 4. He met with an accident. Panchayat and Anganwadi workers are responsible for this. We want action

Satish, father of the deceased child



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Defeating Terrorism

Unyielding Resolve

The encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, resulting in the tragic loss of five Army personnel, including two valiant special forces captains, serves as a grim reminder of the persistent threat of terrorism that looms over the region. This heart-wrenching incident, where these brave souls made the ultimate sacrifice to protect innocent lives, underscores the urgent need for unwavering vigilance and resolute action. The resilience of these soldiers, who laid down their lives while striving to prevent harm to women and children, deserves our deepest respect and gratitude. Their valor is a testament to the unyielding spirit of our armed forces in the face of adversity. This unfortunate episode follows a series of attacks earlier this year in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, which claimed the lives of ten soldiers. The increased terrorist activity in these areas has demanded a robust response from our security forces. Throughout the year, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed over 120 casualties in militancy-related violence, with more than 80 terrorists and over 25 security personnel among the victims. While there has been an overall reduction in violence in recent years, with a decrease in the number of terror incidents from 417 in 2018 to 229 in 2021, and a decline in the loss of security personnel from 91 in 2018 to 42 in 2021, we must not grow complacent. Our mission to create an environment conducive to the resumption of the electoral process remains paramount. The security forces, in coordination with the Jammu and Kashmir administration, are not solely focused on neutralizing terrorists but also on identifying and apprehending their supporters. The recent dismissal of four government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, on charges of aiding Pakistan-based terror outfits, providing logistical and financial support to terrorists, propagating extremist ideologies, and engaging in secessionist propaganda, sends a resolute message: we will not tolerate terrorism or secessionism in our midst. It is imperative that we maintain unwavering resolve in our fight against terrorism. The path ahead is fraught with challenges, requiring a multifaceted approach encompassing socio-economic development, community engagement, intelligence enhancement, and adaptive strategies to counter evolving terrorist tactics. The sacrifices made by our valiant soldiers remind us that we must stand united and steadfast in our commitment to defeating terrorism. Only through our collective determination can we pave the way for a safer and brighter future for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

A Global Endeavour

Safeguarding Women's Dignity

Dr. Krishna Kumar Vepakomma



Violence against women continues to persist on a global scale, despite heightened awareness. The digital age has even exacerbated online violence against women and girls, underscoring the urgency of addressing this issue. Violence against women not only hinders progress in gender equality but also poses a formidable obstacle to achieving Sustainable Development Goals. This problem, recognized as a severe form of gender inequality, has far-reaching consequences on public health, human rights, and various aspects of society, including physical and mental well-being, children's development, and the economic stability of nations. November 25 is an annual reminder of our commitment to preventing and eradicating violence against women worldwide. It provides a platform for raising awareness, advocating for change, and uniting individuals, activists, and organizations against gender-based violence. This year's campaign underscores the imperative need to allocate resources to evidence-based prevention strategies, emphasizing a collective effort to address the root causes of violence and create a safer and more equitable world for women and girls. Shocking statistics reveal that approximately one in three women globally, totaling around 736 million individuals, have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their lives. This alarming figure accounts for 30 percent of women aged 15 and older, highlighting the extent of this pervasive issue. A recent report from the 2022 National Crime Records Bureau sheds light on the grim reality of crimes against women in India in 2021. The report documented over 400,000 cases of crimes such as rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, and dowry-related violence. High rates of violence create an atmosphere of fear that restricts women's freedom and opportunities. Several factors contribute to this, including patriarchal attitudes, limited access to education, and a lack of awareness. Addressing this challenge requires confronting patriarchal norms, enhancing women's access to education, strengthening legal systems, promoting a culture of safety, and increasing awareness. There is a universal consensus on the need to eliminate violence against women and girls worldwide. Individuals play a pivotal role in this mission. We can contribute by educating ourselves, engaging in discussions, supporting organizations that work toward this cause, and holding governments accountable for their actions. Together, through collaborative efforts, we aim to build a safer world for women. The issue of violence against women is not limited to any one nation or community; it is a global concern that requires a collective response. It is a challenge that transcends borders and demands our unwavering commitment to creating a world where women can live free from fear, violence, and discrimination. As we observe the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25, let us reaffirm our dedication to this critical cause. Let us stand together, as a global community, and work tirelessly to ensure the safety, dignity, and rights of women and girls everywhere. Only through collective action can we hope to bring about lasting change and a brighter, more equitable future for all.

(Writer is Professor & Principal (Retd.), Rajiv Nagar, Hyderabad. Views are personal)

SAPTA ARCHAK MAHA AARTI

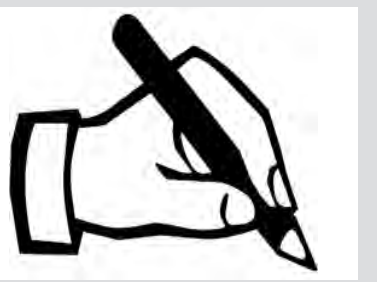


Priests offer prayers during 'Sapta Archak Maha Aarti', in Varanasi, Friday morning, Nov. 24.

Increasing divorces are ruining the social fabric



PRIYANKA SAURABH



The increasing trend of high divorce rates in India, especially in urban areas, has become a subject of social and academic interest. The increasing trend of divorce, moving away from traditional norms, is indicating a change in the social fabric and hence its causes need to be thoroughly investigated. The number of extended families has declined due to the shift from joint to nuclear families in cities. In recent years, India has witnessed a significant and rapid increase in divorce cases, reflecting significant changes in social attitudes and cultural norms. Traditionally, India is known for its emphasis on family values and the sanctity of marriage. However, several factors have contributed to the changing dynamics that have led to an increase in divorce rates across the country. According to the National Family Health Survey, there has been a significant change in family structures in urban areas. Sociological studies have increasingly focused on the growing individualism in urban Indian families.

The influence of Western culture, globalization, and access to media have exposed urban Indians to different perspectives on marriage and divorce. It is noteworthy that the influence of Western media and globalization has affected the perception of love and relationships in Indian society. The younger generation has begun to prioritize personal happiness and compatibility over traditional family expectations, causing them to consider divorce as a viable option when they are not satisfied with their marriage. India is becoming more individualistic, with people prioritizing personal happiness and autonomy over family and societal expectations. There are fights between husband and wife due to disagreements over money and financial mismanagement. In cases of incompatible parenting styles, some couples opt for divorce in search of a more suitable environment for raising children. Extended periods of separation due to work assignments or higher education are causing strain in marriages. Conflict with in-laws gives rise to marital tension, especially in joint families.

Social media and dating apps have changed the dynamics of relationships in urban India. The widespread use of social media and technology is causing trust issues, jealousy, and misunderstandings between husband and wife. The speed at which intimacy between people has increased through social media platforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook. At the same time, social media platforms are also becoming the reason for separation and divorce. The situation is that 4 out of every 10 divorce cases in metropolitan cities are due to increased intimacy of husband and wife with other people and extramarital affairs due to social media. Ineffective communication between husband and wife can lead to misunderstandings, unresolved conflicts, and emotional distance, which can ultimately lead to marital breakdown. Social media, which is creating distance and bitterness in relationships between births, restrictions, and restrictions are not acceptable to the husband and wife. High-stress urban lifestyles have contributed to mental health challenges, affecting marital stability. Other studies, including those by the Indian Psychiatry Society, show that there is a significant increase in mental health problems in urban areas compared to before, which is affecting family dynamics.

Ineffective communication between husband and wife leads to misunderstandings, unresolved fights, and emotional distance, ultimately leading to marital breakdown. The growing problem of substance abuse like alcohol is leading to domestic violence and instability in marriages. Different career aspirations and job transfers can create physical distance between partners, causing tension in the relationship. Mental health issues like depression and anxiety are impacting a person's ability to maintain a healthy marriage. Traditional gender roles and expectations within marriage are causing inequality and dissatisfaction, especially when one partner feels unfulfilled or burdened by specific responsibilities. As a result of economic freedom and empowerment, most of the women in cities are pursuing careers, which is inspiring them to achieve financial independence and get out of the unsatisfactory life after marriage. India's rapid economic growth and urbanization have changed the traditional family structure. As people migrate to cities for better opportunities, they often face new challenges in adjusting to modern lifestyles, which can cause strain in marriages. Financial pressure, job stress, and lack of work-life balance are leading to fights between husband and wife.

(Writer is a Research Scholar in Political Science, Poetess, Independent Journalist and columnist. Views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Controversial moves

Bidyut Chakraborty, the departing Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharati, leaves behind a legacy marked by three major controversies. Firstly, his alleged involvement in erecting walls and fences at Visva Bharati contradicted Rabindranath Tagore's vision of an inclusive, open learning space. Tagore aimed for a place "Where the world has not been broken up into fragments/ By narrow domestic walls." Secondly, Chakraborty's attempt to undermine Santiniketan's iconic Pratchi by making a fuss over a small piece of its land drew criticism. Pratchi, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen's ancestral home, holds cultural significance. Thirdly, omitting Tagore's name from the plaque commemorating Santiniketan's UNESCO world heritage status stirred controversy. Similarly, Sabarmati faced a similar issue with the Rs 1200 crore makeover of Mahatma Gandhi's memorial, conflicting with Gandhi's principle of simplicity. Visitors to Santiniketan and Sabarmati seek to embrace Tagorean and Gandhian philosophies. Actions contrary to these principles disrupt the sanctity of these places. Chakraborty's tenure will be remembered for these divisive moves.

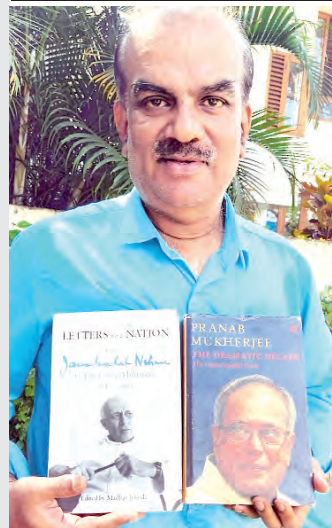
Sujit De, Kolkata

Controversial Parole

In India, the Haryana government, led by Manohar Lal Khattar, has granted Z-plus security cover to Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, the Dera Sirsa chief convicted of a journalist's murder over 16 years ago. Ram Rahim, who is serving time in Rohtak's Sunaria jail for the Sadhvi sexual abuse case and journalist Chhatrapati's murder case, has now been released on parole for the eighth time, this time for 21 days. Ram Rahim's frequent paroles, often coinciding with elections in Haryana and neighboring states, including the upcoming Rajasthan Assembly polls, where he has a significant following, raise questions about the Haryana government's motives. It's important to note that Ram Rahim has a substantial number of followers. Parole is typically granted based on an inmate's promise of good behavior, implying that Ram Rahim's behavior has been consistently exemplary to merit eight paroles in just three years. This situation leaves many questioning the government's intentions. The controversial treatment of a convicted rapist and murderer like Ram Rahim raises concerns about justice and accountability in the country. Truly, "Mere Bharat Mahan".

Bidutkumar Chatterjee, Kolkata

Exploring the Chronicles of Indian Political Titans



Dr. Vasisht M.C.

Over the past decade, an impressive array of books in English has emerged, delving into the lives and times of major political leaders of independent India. Today, any library in India could boast a dedicated section titled 'Neta's Gallery,' housing a treasure trove of books about Indian political leaders.

The legacy of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was himself a prolific writer, has inspired numerous works. "Letters For A Nation from Jawaharlal Nehru to His Chief Ministers 1947-1963," edited by Madhav Khosla, offers a two-volume collection of Nehru's letters, providing valuable insights into his statesmanship. Shashi Tharoor's "Nehru: The Invention of India" is a recent addition that examines Nehru's multifaceted persona.

Indira Gandhi, who served as Prime Minister during tumultuous periods in India's history, has been the subject of at least twenty publications. Works like "Indira Gandhi: A Biography" by Pupil Jayakar and "Indira: India's Most Powerful Prime Minister" by Sagarika Ghose shed light on her enigmatic personality. Notably, there are books about other members of the Gandhi family, including Feroze Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi.

Rajiv Gandhi's tenure as Prime

Minister, marked by technological advancements and his tragic assassination, has also been extensively covered in literature. Works like "The Lotus Years: Political Life in India in the Time of Rajiv Gandhi" by Ashwini Bhatnagar and "The Killing of Rajiv Gandhi" by Neena Gopal provide comprehensive accounts of his time in office.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, known for his transformative economic reforms, is celebrated in books like "Half Lion" by Vinay Sitapati and "1991" by Sanjaya Baru. The brief tenures of other Prime Ministers like Chandra Shekhar, H.D. Deve Gowda, and I.K. Gujral have also found their place in literature.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, one of India's beloved Prime Ministers, is the subject of works like "The Untold Vajpayee" by Ullekh N.P. and "Vajpayee" by Shakti Sinha. Sanjaya Baru's "The Accidental Prime Minister" offers insights into the tenure of Dr. Manmohan Singh.

However, it's Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has garnered the most attention in recent years, with over fifty books published in English about his leadership. These books present diverse perspectives, from hailing him as the harbinger of development in works like "Narendra Modi: A Political Biography" by Andy Marino and

"Narendra Modi: Creative Disruptor" by R. Balashankar, to critical examinations like Shashi Tharoor's "The Paradoxical Prime Minister: Narendra Modi and His India."

Former President Pranab Mukherjee's books, including "The Dramatic Decade: The Indira Gandhi Years" and "The Turbulent Years (1980-1996)," offer insights into the political landscape during his time. Former Vice President M. Hamid Ansari's "By Many A Happy Accident" and "President Droupadi Murmu" by Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty provide valuable perspectives.

Books like "The Life and Times of George Fernandes" explore the fiery politician of the 1970s, and Rajdeep Sardesai's analysis in "The Election That Changed India 2014" and "2019: How Modi Won India" offers a deep dive into recent electoral dynamics. Somnath Chatterjee, former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, shares his memoirs in "Keeping The Faith: Memoirs of a Parliamentarian."

The literary landscape also extends to political leaders and chief ministers of various states. Figures like Biju Patnaik, C.N. Annadurai, M.G. Ramachandran, J. Jayalalitha, N.T. Rama Rao, Yogi Adityanath, Chandrababu Naidu,

Naveen Patnaik, Mamata Banerjee, Lalu Prasad, Nitish Kumar, Arvind Kejriwal, Captain Amarinder Singh, and M.K. Stalin have all found their place in this literary tapestry.

These books, often authored by journalists with deep insights and rapport with the political leaders, provide a panoramic view of the lives, ideologies, and policies that have significantly impacted the trajectory of India's democracy. While the readership of these works remains diverse, they undoubtedly serve as invaluable resources for students of journalism, English, history, and political science. These books are not just a testament to our political leaders but also a chronicle of India's evolving political landscape.

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CEO ensures smooth preparations for vote counting

Stringent security measures and infrastructure check at Kawardha counting venue

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Nov 24: In anticipation of the Assembly General Election 2023, Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh, Reena Babasaheb Kangale, accompanied by Collector and District Election Officer Janmejay Mahobe and Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav, conducted a thorough inspection of the counting site situated within the Agricultural Produce Market complex in Kawardha.

Kangale meticulously examined the arrangements in place for the counting of votes in assembly constituencies 71 Pandariya and 72 Kawardha within the district. She also scrutinized

the security measures in the strongroom. Kangale sought detailed information regarding the CCTV camera surveillance, deployment of security forces, and the preparations for counting postal ballots.

During the inspection, Kangale issued directives to establish a strong infrastructure in the assembly-wise counting hall, set up 21 counting tables as per proposals, enhance security at the counting venue, and ensure essential amenities in the media center. She emphasized the importance of issuing passes to all personnel involved in various arrangements, including the officers responsible for the vote counting process on the designated day.

Adequate arrangements



for political party agents in the counting room were also emphasized. The counting of votes for the upcoming Assembly General Election 2023 is scheduled to commence on December 3 at 8 am at the Adarsh Agricultural Produce Market Talpur,

under tight security measures.

Kangale urged candidates and their election agents present at the site to adhere to guidelines provided by the Election Commission before commencing the counting process. She conducted a

comprehensive review of the counting centers' infrastructure, security protocols, media center facilities, counting materials, postal ballot counting, EVM and VVPAT vote tallying, as well as the sealing process for EVMs and election materials post-counting.

Detailed information regarding result declaration was also sought. The inspection witnessed the presence of key personnel, including Returning Officer for Assembly-71 Pandariya Sandeep Thakur, Assembly-72 Kawardha PC Kori, Joint Collector Monica Kaudo, Deputy District Election Officer Rituraj Bisen, Deputy Collector Lekha Ajagalle, Akanksha Nayak, and other election-related officials.

Office work stalls as officials and employees remain absent

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, Nov 24: In the aftermath of a month-long election season, government offices in the district are experiencing a temporary slowdown in their usual operations. The absence of officers and employees from their workplaces has brought work to a standstill.

Even employees not assigned to election duties have been observed passing their time elsewhere. The vibrant atmosphere of election season continues to linger, leading to a slowdown in work across most district offices.

Over the past week, the district office has felt desolate as regular office routines have been disrupted. Despite the elections coming to a close, the concerns and grievances of the public remain unattended. Officers, bureaucrats, and other personnel have not



been returning to the office, even after completing their election-related responsibilities.

Few employees can be found in their offices, but are turning away complainants instead of addressing their issues, contributing to the perception that most offices in the district are deserted. This has forced citizens to repeatedly visit government offices to have their matters addressed.

The trend extends to various departments, including the Food

Department, District Panchayat, Irrigation Department, PWD, and RES Department, where people continue to visit daily for assistance. Unfortunately, officers who were expected to return to their duties after the elections are still conspicuously absent.

It is anticipated that, with the formation of the new government, steps will be taken to address and resolve pending complaints, ultimately restoring the regular functioning of government offices.

Candidates given transparent access to observe secure postal ballot handling

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 24: In adherence to the Election Commission's directives for the ongoing assembly elections, the sealing and safekeeping of postal ballots and Electronic Transmitted Postal Ballots (ETBP) are being carried out diligently by the respective Returning Officers of the assembly constituencies. To maintain utmost transparency, candidates have also been extended the opportunity to observe this crucial process.

In line with these guidelines, the Returning Officers for Bilaspur and Beltara assembly constituencies reported that a total of 1723 postal ballots

and ETBP ballots have been cast in Bilaspur assembly constituency, and 1285 in Beltara assembly constituency, as of November 21. These ballots have been securely sealed and stored in the District Treasury Bilaspur, following the directives of the Election Commission.

Returning officers further explained that candidates or their authorized representatives have the privilege to exercise their votes through postal ballots and ETBP. The process of safeguarding these crucial ballot papers can be witnessed during office hours at 3 pm, located in the postal ballot branch above the district office's meeting room.

Collector urges officers to enhance facilities at paddy procurement centers

Initiatives for cattle welfare and health awareness highlighted in weekly meeting

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, Nov 24: Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, while taking information about the basic facilities in all the paddy procurement centers of the district in the weekly Time-Limit meeting, directed all the nodal officers to inspect the paddy procurement centres to ensure the enhancement of basic facilities.

Additionally, the Collector took the opportunity to encourage local farmers to contribute generously to the Gauthans by collecting as much fodder as possible. This compassionate initiative aims to



provide adequate nourishment for cattle in the region.

During the meeting,

preparations for the forthcoming Assembly Elections 2023, specifically the counting of votes



scheduled for December 3rd, were thoroughly reviewed.

The Collector also

stressed the importance of organizing blood donation and health camps, as well as awareness campaigns in both urban and rural areas to promote blood donation.

Ensuring the health and well-being of the community, the meeting included directives to conduct malaria tests in all residential schools, provide proper treatment to positive cases, promote the use of mosquito nets, maintain cleanliness, and implement mosquito-repelling measures.

Furthermore, updates on various activities under the Rural Industrialization Promotion Agency (RIPA), such as the purchase of cow dung, production and sale of vermicompost, and acquisition of cow urine, were discussed.

The meeting was attended by officials, including Joint Collector Pawan Kumar Premi, senior district-level officers, SDMs from all sections, Deputy Collectors, Tehsildars, CEOs of District Panchayats, and CMOs of urban bodies, demonstrating a collaborative approach to local development.

Sipat Ultra Super Critical Project: Public hearing on Dec 11th

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 24: A public hearing has been scheduled for December 11, to seek environmental approval for the groundbreaking Sipat Ultra Super Critical Technology Demonstration Project by M/s NTPC Limited, situated in the Masturi block of Sipat.

The public hearing is set to commence at 12 noon on the specified date, taking place in the sprawling grounds of Government Madanlal Shukla College in Sipat. M/s NTPC Limited has

submitted an application to the Environment Protection Board in Raipur, outlining plans for the expansion of various units within their existing industrial complex.

In a move to gather the opinions and feedback of the local community before granting approval, the district administration has organized this public hearing in the village of Sipat of the aforementioned date. This initiative aims to foster transparency and engage the public in shaping the future of this pioneering project.

Negligence, intoxication, overtaking causes of accidents: Tiwari

- Rumble strips will be installed on roads to prevent road accidents
- Black spots will be marked on Manendragarh-Ambikapur road

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Nov 24: In a bid to enhance road safety and reduce accidents, the National Highway Authority is set to install rumble strips on National Highway 43. The decision comes in the wake of a tragic head-on collision between a motorcycle and a car in Barabaspur of MCB district, resulting in the untimely demise of five individuals.

Nitesh Tiwari, Executive Engineer of National Highway Ambikapur, extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, deeming the accident deeply disturbing.

In response to the accident, Tiwari clarified that speed breakers cannot be installed on highways. Instead, the plan is to deploy rumble strips strategically at key locations such as markets, intersections, schools, hospitals, and blind turns. Rumble strips effectively prompt drivers to reduce their speed through the noise and vibration generated when vehicles veer off course. Additionally, the retroreflective coating on these strips ensures visibility during nighttime. While



Nitesh-Tiwari-Korea

black spots have not been identified on the route at present, Tiwari stressed that their identification is imminent, given the frequency of severe accidents and the resulting loss of life and property. Black spots are sections of road prone to accidents.

Tiwari also issued a heartfelt plea to the public, urging careful and responsible driving, particularly on National Highway 43, where drivers often exceed speed limits due to low traffic density. He emphasized the importance of avoiding high speeds and maintaining control while overtaking.

Expressing concern over driving under the influence of alcohol and other substances, Tiwari emphasized that such behaviour not only endangers the individual but also their families and others on the road. He implored drivers to refrain from intoxicated driving, wear seat belts, and helmets while driving, drawing important lessons from road accidents.

Constitution Day will be celebrated on Nov 26

- To mark Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Nov 24: As the nation commemorates the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on November 26th, Constitution Day will be celebrated with fervour throughout the district.

Despite the ongoing assembly elections in the state, government offices, schools, colleges, institutions, and public undertakings will join in the festivities.

The reading of the Preamble of the

Constitution will take place online at 11 am on this special day. The online platform preamble.nic.in will provide access to citizens to engage with the Preamble of the Constitution.

Additionally, an engaging online quiz on the theme "Mother of India's Democracy" can be participated in via the web portal <https://constitution-quiz.nic.in>.

For those without online access, offline readings of the Constitution's Preamble will be conducted to ensure that everyone can be part of this meaningful celebration.

Collector initiates action to ensure fair paddy procurement for farmers

- Vigilance on illegal paddy transactions and verification of farmers' produce

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Nov 24: Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia held a meeting at the Collectorate's Arpa Assembly Room with the aim of protecting the interests of registered farmers in the district. During the meeting, she provided important instructions related to verifying the actual paddy production for the Kharif year 2023-24.

While paddy procurement for the upcoming Kharif season is being



conducted through service cooperative societies in the district, concerns have arisen regarding the sale of paddy from neighbouring states and by traders and middlemen.

To combat illegal transactions and ensure fairness, the Collector emphasized the need for village-wise verification of the actual yield by registered

farmers. Additionally, a special focus was placed on monitoring and preventing the illegal transportation of paddy in the border areas of the district. To expedite this verification process, sub-divisional officers have been tasked with assembling teams comprising Revenue Inspectors, Patwaris, and Rural Agriculture

Extension Officers. These teams are expected to complete the verification within three days and provide the required information in the prescribed format.

The meeting witnessed the presence of several key officials, including the Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue of Pendra Road, the Food Officer, the Nodal Officer of District Cooperative Central Bank Limited, the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies, the District Marketing Officer of State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited, the Assistant Food Officer, all food inspectors, as well as Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars, and agricultural extension officers.

Adolescence and AIDS awareness program held

Students' creativity and advocacy skills drive home crucial messages

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Nov 24: Kharora School organized an engaging program on adolescence and AIDS awareness, leaving a lasting impact on students' understanding of critical health issues. The event, held under the guidance of Principal Rajni Minj and Vice Principal Harish Dewangan, was orchestrated by dedicated educators Rajni Tripathi and Ritarni Verma.

The program kicked off with an impressive display of posters created by the students themselves. The posters, a testament to the creative talents of young minds, were crafted by students from various classes, including Kajal Gilhare, Pushpa Dewangan, Khushboo Nirmalkar, Neha Sahu, Ladli Yadav, Megha Verma, Pritam Banjare, Pratap



Raghavendra, Alice, Keshav Dewangan, Garima Nirmalkar, Poonam Dewangan, Madhu Verma, Khushi Dewangan, Parvati Dewangan, Sen Lakshmi Bandhe, Dali Dewangan, Bhumika Verma, Chandni, Krutika Mande, Namrata Banjare, Geetanjali Yadav, Monica Baghel, Deepika Sahu, Gunja Dewangan, Kamini Sahu, Hemant Dewangan, and many more.

These posters effectively conveyed the message of AIDS awareness and the importance

of education on the subject, leaving a profound impact on the attending teenagers.

Following the poster exhibition, a thought-provoking drama was presented by 9th-grade students under the guidance of vocational teacher Shivangi Nishad. The play emphasized the spread of AIDS through HIV infection and advocated for empathy and support for individuals affected by the disease. It stressed the importance of not stigmatizing AIDS victims.

The program also featured powerful speeches by Isha Nayak, Purva Verma (11th A), Yashwant Dewangan (10th C), and Vandana Verma (12th A), who effectively conveyed messages of adolescence and AIDS awareness. The event was graced by the presence of school principal Rajni Minj, Vice Principal Harish Dewangan, and numerous dedicated educators and staff, highlighting the school's commitment to educating and empowering its students on vital health issues.



Rajnath attacks BRS govt over corruption



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh being received by Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy upon his arrival at Begumpet airport, in Hyderabad, Friday. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma is also seen.

● 'No corruption in BJP-ruled states'

Hyderabad, Nov 24 (PTI)

Attacking the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led BRS government in Telangana over its alleged

corruption and family rule, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said no one can make allegations of corruption in BJP-ruled states. "After the BRS government was formed, corruption rose sharply in Telangana. You must be watching that there is an inquiry also going on

Poll exam quite easy: Kavitha

Nizamabad, Nov 24 (PTI)

Exuding confidence that the ruling BRS in Telangana will score a poll hat-trick, K Kavitha, a senior party leader, on Friday said the "exam looks quite easy to pass" on the back of its decade-long hard work.

The Bharat Rashtra Samiti will smash a century, said Kavitha, daughter of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao, indicating that the party will cross the 100-seat mark in the 119-member State Assembly. Assembly polls in Telangana are scheduled



Telangana Chief Minister and BRS President K. Chandrashekar Rao at a public meeting during the 'Praja Ashirvada Sabha' election campaign ahead of Telangana Assembly elections, in Mancherla, Friday. to be held on November 30.

against this government. There are corruption charges against his (KCR) family members," he said, addressing an election meeting in Medchal.

However, no one can point a finger of corruption charge against any of the BJP-ruled state governments in the country, he claimed. "We all and the people of Telangana say 'State First' but BRS says 'Family First'," he claimed. "I want to tell that if the BJP forms its government here (in Telangana), then it won't be 'family First' here, it will be 'Telangana First.'"

After independence, there would have hardly been any Congress government that did not face corruption allegations, he claimed, adding even their ministers had to go to jail on corruption charges.

'BRS govt is nearing its expiry date'

Hyderabad, Nov 24 (PTI)

AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday said the BRS government in Telangana is nearing its expiry date and alleged that gross injustice was being meted out to youth, women and farmers of the state.

Addressing a poll rally at Palakurthy, about 120 km from here she alleged that women faced violent crimes in Telangana and that the state government has not taken steps to ensure their safety.

Vadra said the Congress party has a plan for Telangana and vision to strengthen the youth of the state to make them stand on their own feet.

She also charged the state government with corruption and not living



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi during a public meeting ahead of the Telangana Assembly election, in Palakurthy, Friday.

up to the expectation of the people.

"Injustice is being meted out to youth,

women, and farmers. The KCR government, which has been ruling for the past 10 years, is nearing its expiry date..." she said.

Accusing the Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao dispensation of 'failing' to provide jobs to youth, she said Telangana tops the chart in unemployment in the country.

"... they don't get employment. Question papers of exams are getting leaked. There is corruption. So, what hope will the young people have?" she asked.

The Congress, if voted to power, will bring out a job calendar and provide two lakh jobs, Vadra said.

Assuring that farmers will be provided Rs 15,000 investment grant

every year, the Congress leader said her party will waive farm loans of upto Rs 2 lakh if it forms the government.

She claimed that Congress-ruled states ensure that farmers get the highest Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce.

Listing out the "six

guarantees" that her party has announced for Telangana, she said women will get Rs 2,500 social pensions besides LPG cylinder at Rs 500, if Congress is voted to power.

She also assured that free travel will be provided for women in government busses.

State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha appears before HC in contempt case

Kolkata, Nov 24 (PTI)

West Bengal State Election Commissioner Rajiva Sinha on Friday appeared before the Calcutta High Court following a contempt rule issued by it over deployment of central forces for holding free and fair panchayat elections in the state on July 8.

Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly and BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari and others had filed contempt petitions alleging willful and deliberate violation by Sinha of the high court's June 15 order directing it to deploy the required number of central forces in all districts for the elections. Pursuant to an

Bengal rural polls

order of October 13 by a division bench comprising Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam and Justice Uday Kumar, when a rule was issued under the Calcutta High Court Contempt of Court Rules, 1975 against the SEC, Sinha was present in the court in person.

Senior advocate P S Raman, appearing for Sinha, sought time for filing a comprehensive affidavit bringing on record all the relevant facts to support their contentions with regard to the matter.

such an affidavit be filed by December 15, and a reply, if any, by the applicant by January 5, 2024.

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